

December 1, 2013

First Sunday
Of Advent

*"Feed The Hungry,
Clothe The Naked,*



*Shelter The Homeless,
Love One Another"*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

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WEEKEND CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday -4:00PM -Immaculate Conception

Saturday - 5:30PM - Holy Redeemer

Sunday - 7:30AM - Immaculate Conception

Sunday - 9:00AM - Holy Redeemer

Sunday - 10:30AM -Immaculate Conception

WEEKDAY CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

7:30 AM Immaculate Conception

8:30 AM Holy Redeemer

CONFESSION SATURDAYS

3:00PM - 3:30PM Immaculate Conception

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Redeemer

Wednesday

9:00AM-3:00PM

Parish Mission Statement

To promote and improve the
community of God by
living the Gospel message;
caring for the elderly, youth,
sick, needy, and participating
in the liturgy.

Weekly Collection

November 24, 2013

\$7,200.10

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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Advent.....Why Do We Wait?

Advent is a season of preparation: we shop for gifts, plan parties, and decorate our homes for the coming of Christmas. Sometimes it is easy to forget the real mission of Advent: preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ. We are bombarded by commercial messages in which the reason for Christmas is absent or overlooked. For what are we waiting? Come, Lord Jesus! Help us to know you, love you, and serve you. Increase our faith. Help us understand. Let us be your eyes, ears, and hands on earth. Come, Jesus Come!

Diocesan Annual Appeal "Serve with Love"

Our parish goal is **\$30,000.00** To date our pledges are **\$29,045.00**. We are just **\$955.00** short of our goal. Thank you for your continued support!

Second Collection This Weekend

Today's collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Service will provide spiritual support to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces wherever they serve. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this first-ever national collection.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection.

Giving Tree "The Beauty is in its Bareness"

Our annual Giving Trees, located in the sanctuaries of the churches, are beautifully decorated with hundreds of gift tags. On the back of each tag is a specific gift request from a local child or teenager. Simply choose a tag (s), purchase the gift, wrap it, attach the tag and return it under the Giving Tree. To allow us ample time to sort and distribute the gifts, all gifts must be returned by **Sunday, December 15th. Please note, each family is issued an identifying number which is written on the gift tag....that is how we know to whom the gift belongs.**

We realize these are challenging economic times, but we hope you will be able to come through again for us like you always do. This year we have received more requests for help than usual.....our families total 76. These families are one of us, they are your neighbors, their children attend school with your children, and have the same Christmas wishes as your children. Many of them were referred to us for Christmas help by their teachers, fellow parishioners and friends.

Thank you CCD Kids for the beautiful Christmas tags you made for our parish "Giving Trees".

Thank You for your Kindness

Many thanks for your generosity to our Thanksgiving food basket program. We were able to help over 40 families with large food baskets for Thanksgiving. The majority of families were from our

parish and local area. St. Francis of Assisi said “Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.” Our parish community was able to preach the gospel message of Jesus by helping to feed those in need. May the Lord continue to bless our parish.

Christmas Wafers

Christmas Wafers are available in the vestibules of the churches. Donations is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

Heavenly Hosts Ministry

This weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, marks the beginning of the new Church year and the beginning of a new ministry of welcome in our parish...”heavenly hosts ministry”. Their ministry is to greet and welcome parishioners and visitors. We invite adults and children in grade 6 and older to join this ministry. If interested, pick up a sign up form in the church vestibules.

**Mass Intentions
December 2 thru December 8th**

Mon	7:30AM	Jeanne Conway by Donna Payer, Annette Graboske & Jennie Rosencrans
	8:30AM	Louise Manganiello by Ky Saitta
Tues	7:30AM	Grace Aritz by James Nocito
	8:30AM	Antoinette Denisco by Anthony & Marie Giuliano
Wed	7:30AM	All Souls
	8:30AM	Martin Cirelli, Sr by Family
Thurs	7:30AM	Stanley Modeski by Wife, Marie & Family
	8:30AM	Angeline Selenski By Walter & Karen Storm
Fri	7:30AM	Jane & Francis Stets by Wilbur & Mary Dotter
	8:30AM	Charles Foy by Daughter, Mary & Family
Sat	4:00PM	Robert Brown, Sr & Robert Brown, Jr by Family
	5:30PM	Steve Sokach by M/M Edward Michael
Sun	7:30AM	Jack & Carmella Salvaggio by Children & Grandchildren
	9:00AM	Michael & Christopher Kozloski & Frank Poluski by Family
	10:30AM	Dominick & Lucy Occhiato by Family

Air Conditioner Envelope

For the month of November 2013 we have received the amount of \$869.00 in our air conditioner envelope which has been deposited into our diocesan savings account reducing the amount we used for the air conditioning to \$2,376.00. Thank you for your continued support!

Stocking Stuffer Lottery Tickets

If you already purchased your lottery ticket....thank you! If you have not, you still have time. Stocking Stuffer lottery tickets will be available for sale until December 31, 2013. To purchase tickets, just stop by or call the rectory. They make great Christmas gifts!!

Social Concerns Meeting

A Social Concerns Meeting will be held on Monday, December 2nd at 6:30PM in the rectory. All are welcome to attend.

Sewing Ministry

Join us on Wednesday evening, December 4th at 6:30PM in the rectory. All are welcome!!

Holy Family at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Rita Ann Denisco** is donated by Catherine & Gene Manganello.

Altar & Vigil Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Galante Family** are donated by Galante Family.

Courtesy Announcements

Winter Coat Drive

The Care & Concern Committee at St. John the Evangelist in Pittston is looking for clean, gently used winter coats for adults and children. Donations may be dropped off at the center.

Pasta Dinner & Craft Show

Wyoming Area Senior Parents are sponsoring a pasta dinner & craft show in the secondary center cafeteria on Sunday, December 8th from 11Am to 5PM. Eat in or take out. Donation is \$8.00. If you wish to donate baskets or gift cards for the “basket giveaway”, drop them off on Saturday Dec 7th from 4 to 7PM.